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GENERAL:

1. The following assignments of SO personnel were made outside of the Security Office during the years 1949-1953:

	<u>Foreign</u>
1953 . . . . .	15
1952 . . . . .	13
1951 . . . . .	1
1949 . . . . .	-
Total . . .	29



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During 1953, fifteen of the above assignments were made from SSD personnel and four among personnel outside this Division.

In addition, as of 6 August 1953 the following requests for Security Officers has been made for 1954:

Foreign	4
Domestic	5



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3. Particularly noteworthy this month was the close cooperation between representatives of this Division and supervisory and agent personnel of the FBI in the handling of two cases in which both this Agency and the FBI had an interest. In both instances, the working relationship in the interest of national security proved to be of benefit to both Agencies as well as to the Government as a whole.

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INVESTIGATIVE:

1. The attached chart, Tab A, covers the period of 1 January 1953 to 31 July 1953. It reflects the total overt and covert cases pending, the total cases received and the total finals.

a. The total cases pending on 31 July 1953 were 2867, a decrease of 4.6% since 30 June 1953 when 3007 cases were pending. This is approximately the same level as on 31 January 1953.

b. The total cases received during July decreased 5.8% since 30 June 1953 when 1575 cases were received. Total cases received decreased from 2006 in March 1953 to 1428 in April, rose again to 1474 in May, and decreased to 1481 at the end of June 1953.

c. The total finals this month were 1556, a decrease from 1889 in June 1953 which was the highest point on record. This month's total is six finals above the yearly average of finals for the past twelve months which is 1550.

d. A significant note this month is that the total cases over 90 days old is still at the lowest point on record. This month's total, as indicated by Tab B, is by coincidence 67 cases, the same total as at the end of June 1953. The next lowest point on record was 158 cases in March 1952. The 90-day-old cases dropped sharply and continuously from February 1953 to June 1953.

2. The attached chart, Tab C, compares the total pending open and covert cases for the period 1 October 1952 to 31 July 1953.

a. The total pending open cases during July decreased 3.6% under the June 1953 total (from 1291 to 1244 cases). The pending open cases were on a continuous increase from February 1953 to May 1953, rising from 984 cases in February to 1464 in May 1953.

b. The total pending covert cases in July 1953 increased 2.6% over the June 1953 total (from 1517 to 1623 cases).

3. Graph 1, Tab D, reflects the quarterly figures for administrative, investigative and operational assignments carried out by the Special Referral Branch. It is to be noted that both the cases received and the cases completed have substantially increased during

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the past three months. The received figure of 175 is the highest number of receipts since October 1952, and the completion figure of 176 represents the largest number of closed cases on record in this Branch.

4. During the month of July, progress was made toward reducing the number of Central Intelligence Agency checks for other Government Agencies. This reduction is illustrated in Graph II, Tab D. These outside agency checks, which could prove embarrassing to the Agency if not completed promptly, were reduced by 815 checks, bringing the total pending checks down to 1553. It is to be noted that the completion of 2469 such agency checks in the month of July represents the highest number of completions within the past year.

5. Attention is invited to Graph III, Tab D, which indicates that completions in excess of receipts have reduced the number of pending CE checks to the lowest point in over two years. As of 1 August, this Branch has no CE checks over 60 days old; only six CE checks over 50 days old; only twelve CE checks over 40 days old, and only fifty-two such checks over 30 days old. The routine CE check is now being handled in about three weeks. A tight control system and the newly established reporting system, the availability of agents awaiting training school, plus the excellent cooperation of [REDACTED] in the RI Division, are the prime factors in the reduction of the pending case load.

6. It is interesting to note that, although only 379 overt cases were processed for CE checks, a total of 639 checks were made to complete these 379 cases. This is due to the many relatives that are checked in overt cases, but are not checked in covert cases.

SUPPORT:

1. Support work and investigations of a Special Inquiry nature are increasing in both amount and complexity. The attached chart, Tab E, reflects the trend in increased quantities of Operational Support and Special Inquiry requests from the period 1 January 1953 to 31 July 1953.

2. During the month of July, approximately 422 Special Referral Branch agent-hours were spent in operational support activities. This represents 20% of the total time spent in the investigative activities of this Branch.

3. Support to various components of the DD/A and DD/P complexes was afforded in the field of cover in the following:

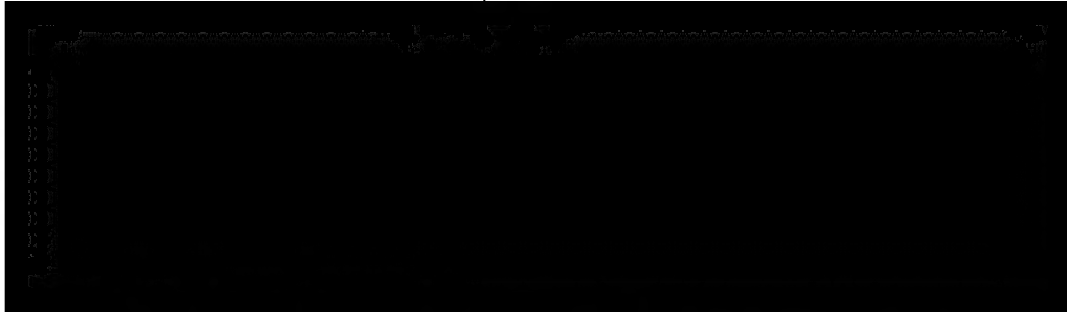
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d. Rendered support by study, advice and recommendation of regulations regarding Employees Services, Processing of Staff Agents, and Establishment of Depots.



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TRAINING:

During July, SSD personnel received training as follows:

- 5 - Foreign Languages
- 1 - Operational Training Course
- 1 - Administrative Support Course
- 3 - World Communism (at local college)
- 7 - Agency Orientation Course
- 3 - Clerical Refresher Course
- 1 - CIC Operations School
- 3 - TSS Training Course

PERSONNEL:

During July, seventeen employees entered on duty in SSD and Five separated, or a net gain of twelve. Most of these persons were assigned to the Field in view of heavy case loads. A clerical shortage is still noted at Headquarters.

INSIDE SSD:

Confidential Correspondent Program

1. The Confidential Correspondent Program is one of the activities supervised by the Correspondent Desk of SSD. The Correspondent Program was initiated in 1951 to provide the services of qualified men to do part-time investigative work for what was then I&SS. In recruiting them, no general call or public advertisement was made. Rather, the candidates and source for such candidates were obtained

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through the recommendations of personnel of I&SS, based on their personal knowledge of the abilities and character of the candidates or the reliability of the source for such candidates.

2. These men were and are carefully selected. A minimum of three years prior federal investigative experience is required, and the average prior investigative experience among the men we now have is six years. In addition to the experience requirement, they must meet the high standards of character and loyalty required of our full-time investigators. An example of the type of men we have in this program is the profile of an average correspondent set forth below.

Average Age: 41 years

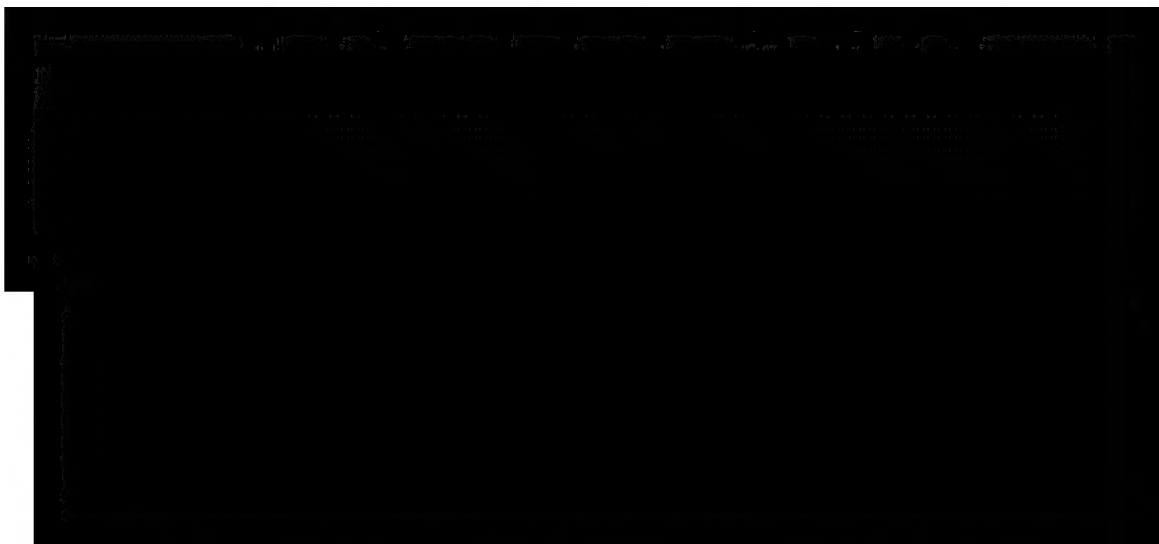
Average Height: 5'10"

Average Weight: 180 lbs.

Average Education: 5½ years college (85% have college degrees; 44% have law degrees)

Average Prior Investigative Experience: 6 years (one had over 30 years prior investigative experience); 68% are former FBI Agents and 20% are former CIC, CSC, I&NS or ONI Agents

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5. These men provide valuable services to this Division for many reasons.

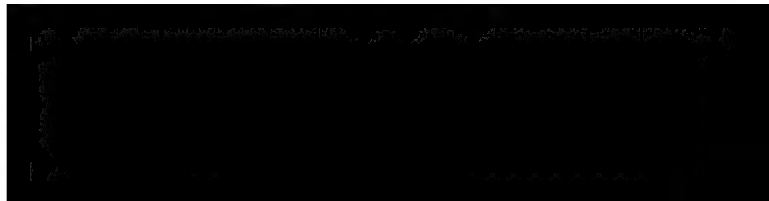
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- 3rd - They provide a reservoir of investigative talent to aid in handling any unusually heavy influx of cases coming into this Division, over and above all our full-time investigative staff can readily handle.
- 4th - Many of the correspondents have indicated that in time of an emergency they would be available for full-time service to this organization, thus providing in effect a group of "M-day Assignees". It is known that no other investigative group in the Government service has a better qualified group to call upon in such times of emergency and it is doubtful that any other investigative group has the quantity that we have.



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Attachments:

6 Charts

(Tabs A, B, C, D, E and F)

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